



## Neighborhood Watch Training Pays Off!

### **Police Arrest three crews committing residential burglaries thanks to tips from Neighborhood Watch Members**

Thanks to the awareness of several members of Torrance Neighborhood Watch groups, the Torrance Police Department made three separate arrests on three separate residential burglary crews, in as many months - committing burglaries in Torrance and throughout the South Bay.

The arrests were made possible based solely on information and tips provided by concerned Neighborhood Watch members who had recently undergone Neighborhood Watch training and received training on what to look for and how the burglars were committing their crimes. These Neighborhood Watch members recognized the suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and called police immediately allowing the police to make timely arrests and recover several thousand dollars worth of victims' property on the spot.

During one Neighborhood Watch meeting, attendees were informed on how some subjects were posing as utility workers and/or door-to-door salesman to case homes for burglary. Following the meeting, the alert resident thought a subject knocking on her door seemed suspicious even though he was wearing a gas company work shirt and called the police. When this investigation culminated, this crew was found guilty of committing two burglaries in Torrance and four others in Gardena and Southgate.

On another arrest, a vigilant Neighborhood Watch member noticed a car backed into the driveway of one of her neighbors' houses that didn't belong in the area. The police were called immediately and police units were able to stop the vehicle as it was fleeing the area with stolen property. This crew was found to be held accountable for two Torrance burglaries.

Lastly, again relying on information learned at a Neighborhood Watch meeting, a homeowner did not recognize the individual knocking on her door and immediately called police. She remained on the phone with police and watched as the suspect jumped into her rear yard and tried to break in through a rear window. Police were quickly on scene and were able to catch the suspect as he was trying to flee the scene. This subject was found to be out on bail from a prior residential burglary arrest just two weeks prior in the Lennox area.



**GREAT JOB BY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBERS!**